Survey of Cycle Corporation of India by TATA Consultancy Ltd.

*249. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Tata Consultancy Ltd. have undertaken a survey of Cycle Corporation of India Ltd. located at Kanyapur/Kalyani, West Bengal and have prepared a Report to make it economically viable;

(b) if so, whether Government have examined the Report and have accepted it; and

(c) if so, the manner in which it would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir. The Comprehensive Viability Study has been undertaken by M/s. Tata Consultancy Services, who were commissioned by Cycle Corporation of India Ltd.

(b) and (c) The report is being examined by the Company in the first instance.

Revision in price of drugs and Pharmaceuticals

*250. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that drugs and pharmaceuticals prices are being revised, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that pharmaceutical prices are being linked up with the hike in input and cost structure; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Z. R. Bhatty Committee setup in 1988 did not concede the above demand; if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. It is necessitated due to changes in prices of inputs and other costs and is done as per provisions of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Bhatty Committee was set up to look into the issues connected with trade margins.

Cable TV in Delhi

*251. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the terms and conditions for granting permission/licence for installation of a Cable TV in the Capital;

(b) the details of firms/individuals who have since been granted such licence in Delhi;

(c) whether there are Cable TVs which have been installed authorisedly in Delhi;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any action has been contemplated against those who are doing unauthorised installations; if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (e) The establishment of a Cable TV Network in the country is covered under the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 and the Rules made thereunder, administered by the Ministry of Communications. Rule 472 of Indian Telegraph Rules, 1951 framed under the Indian Telegraph Act provides that "any person may, without a licence, establish, maintain and work a 'Telegraph' (not being a wireless telegraph) within the limits of a single

building, compound or estate provided that no telegraph line pertaining to the telegraph was passed over or under public/premises".

As per the information received from the Ministry of Communications, no licence for Cable TV network including permisson to lay cable for TV networks are being issued by them. The details of such networks operating in the counry including those in Delhi are, therefore, not available with the Government.

Hoarding and Blackmarketing of Fertilizers

*252. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL ALIAS MEEM AFZAL:

SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report appearing in the Times of India of 12th August, 1991 regarding hoarding and blackmarketing of fertilisers by the dealers subsequent to cut in the subsidy; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No specific and verifiable case of blackmarketing has come to the notice of Government of India. Instructions were issued to the State Governments to ensure that the stocks of fertilisers held by the wholesale and the retail dealers were sold to the farmers at the notified price. State Govenments were also requested to carry out verification of stocks with wholesale and retail dealers so as to guard against possible attempts at hoarding and blackmarketing by unscrupulous elements. The instructions also called for appropriate action to be taken by the States against those indulging in malpractices.

Strike by Chemists, druggists and Pharmaceutical units

*253. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN:

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the chemists, druggists and pharmaceutical units throughout the country have recently observed one day token bandh;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the main demands of the Joint Council of Pharmaceutical industry and trade; and

(d) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) The Joint Council of Pharmaceutical Industry and Trade whose members include chemists, druggists and pharmaceutical units gave call for nationwide one day Token Bandh on 26-8-1991. According to them this was due to Government's inaction and absence of response to the industry's requests and representations particularly in the last two years.

(c) Among their main demands, are removal of 5 per cent ceiling on price increase of bulk drugs and formulations, 25 per cent across the board price increase, etc.

(d) Govenment are looking into their problems sympathetically, keeping the consumer interest also in mind.

Scaling down production target

*254. DR. RUDRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that target of nuclear power production by 2000 A.D. has been scaled down;